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State to Recognize Outstanding Career/Technical Education Students, Programs, Personnel

INDIANAPOLIS (February 11, 2008) -- The state of Indiana will recognize outstanding career and technical education students, programs, and personnel at the 24th Indiana Career and Technical Education Awards for Excellence ceremony on Tuesday, February 12.

The program identifies and recognizes students, programs, guidance/personnel services and active partnerships that contribute to high quality career and technical education in Indiana. The program is sponsored by the Indiana Commission for Career and Technical Education in cooperation with the Indiana Career and Technical Education Association.

Teresa Voors, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, will be making opening remarks, and Diane Willis of Lee/Willis Communications will introduce the awards recipients.

The awards ceremony will take place at the Indiana Government Conference Center Auditorium beginning at 2:45 p.m. in Indianapolis.

In addition to the awards ceremony, a luncheon will be held during which Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed, Senator Teresa Lubbers, and Commissioner of Higher Education Stan Jones will make remarks. The luncheon program is scheduled to begin at 12:10 p.m. in Indiana Government Center South conference rooms A, B, and C.

This year's award recipients:

Name

School

Program

Secondary Students

Kaitlyn Culy	New Castle Area Career Programs	ICE
Samantha Dunithan	Elkhart Area Career Center	Child Care Services
Trisha Faulkner	Area 31 Career Programs	IT Web Design
Paulina Gomez	Elkhart Area Career Center	Health Occupations
Allison Metzger	McKenzie Career Center	Project Lead the Way
Michelle Mogg	New Castle Area Career Programs	Health Occupations
Elles Niessen	New Castle Area Career Programs	Health Occupations
Aprill Schelle	New Castle Area Career Programs	Health Occupations
Sisah Sorrell	New Castle Area Career Programs	Health Occupations
Nathan Thimons	Elkhart Area Career Center	Public Safety II
Alyssa Walter	Porter County Career and Technical Education	Health Occupations

Postsecondary Students

Catherine Egler	Vincennes University	Graphic Design
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Alysia Gilbert	Ivy Tech Comm. College-Terre Haute	Radiologic Technology
Jeannette Joya	Ivy Tech Comm. College-Lafayette	Office Administration
Michelle Lucas	Vincennes University	Biomed Electronics Technician
Judy Morgan	Ivy Tech Comm. College-Kokomo	Tech Cert. in LPN
Michelle Ringwald	Vincennes University	Fashion Merchandising
Kate Rudman	Ivy Tech Comm. College-Lafayette	Surgical Technology
Kelsey Smith	Ivy Tech Comm. College-Terre Haute	Radiologic Technology
Jonathan Wittmann	Vincennes University	Biomedical Technician

Guidance/Career Services

Parent and Family Services	Vincennes University
Student Life and Develop.	Ivy Tech Community College-Kokomo

Secondary Programs

Precision Machine Technology	Prosser School of Technology
Auto Technology Program	Porter Co. Career & Technical Ed Ctr.
Building Trades	Walker Career Center

Postsecondary Programs

Radiologic Technology	Ivy Tech Comm. College-Terre Haute
Visual communications	Ivy Tech Comm. College-Kokomo

Partnerships

C4 Columbus Area Career Connection/Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation/Vision 20/20
Community Education Coalition/Center for Teaching and Learning

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 35 WorkOne Centers and 50 WorkOne Express Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.